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1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (BMFT) EXPLAINING THE SCOPE OF
THE FRG-IRAN AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL
USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY SIGNED JULY 3, 1976.

2. BEGIN INFORMAL TRANSLATION:

ON JULY 3, 1976 THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR RESEARCH AND
TECHNOLOGY (BMFT) AND THE IRANIAN ATOMIC ENERGY ORGAN-
IZATION (IAEO) SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN
THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. THE AGREEMENT,
WHICH WAS SIGNED BY STATE SECRETARY HAUNSCHILD ON THE
GERMAN SIDE, WILL GOVERN COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES IN RESEARCH AS WELL AS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES. THE AGREEMENT IS FURTHERMORE
PREREQUISITE TO THE DELIVERY OF TWO NUCLEAR REACTORS
BY THE FIRM, KREFTWERKUNION (KWU). FOR R AND D
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MATTERS THE GERMAN PARTNER WILL BE THE NUCLEAR
RESEARCH CENTER IN KARLSRUHE (KFK). COOPERATION WILL
MAINLY CONCENTRATE ON THE EDUCATION OF IRANIAN
SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS AND ON SUPPORT FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IRANIAN CENTER FOR ISOTOPE AND
RADIATION RESEARCH.

IN A PRESS CONFERENCE STATE SECRETARY HAUNSCHILD EXPLAINED THAT THE AGREEMENT GAVE ASSURANCE THAT COOPERATION WOULD BE CONFINED TO THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY EXCLUSIVELY. ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT IRAN ACCEPTS PERMANENTLY AND IRRESPECTIVE OF A POSSIBLE RENUNCIATION OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY CONTROLS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA). THE SAME CONTROLS WILL APPLY, SHOULD IRAN EXPORT NUCLEAR MATERIAL INTO THIRD COUNTRIES. THIS WOULD, IN ADDITION, REQUIRE PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THE AGREEMENT GOES BEYOND THE PROVISIONS OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY INsofar AS IRAN OBLIGES ITSELF TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND SENSITIVE NUCLEAR MATERIAL AGAINST THEFT AND ACCIDENTS.

THE DELIVERY OF FACILITIES FOR THE ENRICHMENT OF URANIUM OR THE REPROCESSING OF SPENT FUEL ELEMENTS IS OF NO CURRENT IMPORTANCE. IRAN HAS ASSURED ITS SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM BY INVESTMENT IN FRENCH ENRICHMENT CAPACITIES. IF IN THE COURSE OF A FURTHER EXPANSION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN IRAN THE REPROCESSING OF SPENT FUEL ELEMENTS SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY, THIS NEW QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED JOINTLY UNDER THE THEN EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.

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END INFORMAL TRANSLATION.

3. FURTHER EMBASSY COMMENTS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT CAN BE FOUND IN BONN 8582, MAY OF 1976 AND BONN 2650, FEBRUARY 1977. EMBASSY ALSO POUCHED THREE COPIES OF THE MAGAZINE "ATOMWIRTSCHAFT" TO DEPARTMENT IN MARCH 1977 WHICH GAVE MANY DETAILS ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GERMAN-IRANIAN AGREEMENT.

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